

Conference Schedule

Wednesday, August 3, 2005

General Session

8:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks (Ballroom 1 & 2)

John Arriola, Chair

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

WHCoA Solutions Forum:

Presentations to the National WHCoA
Policy Committee Members

Small Group Session Reports:

1. Meeting Challenges Facing Veterans
Donald L. Samuels
2. Employment Opportunities for Adults with Disabilities
Wanda Willis
3. Health Care Employment Trends and Issues
Stan Boling
4. Stay Active: Stay Healthy
Richard Garman
5. Consumer Choice
Herb Sanderson
6. Family Caregiver Needs
Tabitha Satterfield

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 – 12:00 noon

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7. Second Careers/Flexible Work Schedules
Billy Wooten
8. Partnerships with Private Industry
Cheryll Schramm
9. Retirement Planning
Marie Ferran
10. Rebalancing Long Term Care
Jim McConnell
11. Consolidated Financing for LTC
Choices – The Global Budget
Brian McGuire
12. Community Living – Housing for Lifelong Living
Kathy Whitaker

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

“National Policy Implications
Past, Present, Future”

Bob Blancato, 1995 WHCoA
Executive Director and Member, 2005 WHCoA
Steering Committee, Washington, D.C.

The Presenters

Roger Auerbach is an independent long-term care consultant. He is affiliated with The Lewin Group, a national healthcare and human services consulting firm, and the Center for State Health Policy, a policy analysis, research, training, facilitation and consultation unit at Rutgers University. Mr. Auerbach's work at Lewin includes assisting states in developing long-term service systems with an emphasis on community living alternatives to institutional care for people with disabilities of all ages.

Stan Boling is the Vice President of Senior Health Services, Covenant Health. He currently serves as strategic planning for senior services leader for a 5 acute care Integrated Health System. Mr. Boling has been involved in community services as Board of Directors on Senior Citizen's Home Assistance Board, served as President of the Board of Directors for the East Tennessee Alzheimer's Association, East Tennessee Elder Abuse Coalition Board of Directors, served on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, and served on the State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.

Bob Blancato is President of Matz, Blancato & Associates, Inc., a firm integrating public relations, government affairs and advocacy services. Previously, he served as the Executive Director of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging, appointed by President Clinton. Blancato's career involves more than 25 years in public service in both the Congress and the Executive Branch. He currently serves as Chairman of the National Silver Haired Congress Advisory Council, as Special Advisor to the Board of Generations United, as Acting President of the National Committee to Prevent Elder Abuse, and serves on the Board of Directors for both the American Society on Aging and the United Seniors Health Cooperative.

Deborah Burns received her Master of Social Work degree (Administration and Planning) from the University of Oklahoma in 1977. She has worked in the fields of aging and social services for 25 years. She is currently employed by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging (AoA), as an Aging Services Program Specialist. Before coming to AoA IN 2000, Deborah worked as a Programs Supervisor in the Oklahoma Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Services. Deborah has worked extensively in the areas of policy, planning and program development.

Josefina Carbonell was appointed by the President and sworn in as Assistant Secretary for Aging at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on August 8, 2001. As the Assistant Secretary for Aging, Ms. Carbonell is dedicated to preparing America to meet the challenges and to maximize the opportunities presented by the longevity of its people. Prior to joining HHS, Ms. Carbonell was President and CEO of the largest Hispanic geriatric health and human service organization in the nation, Little Havana Activities & Nutrition Centers in Dade County, Florida.

Alicia A. Cone is employed by the Council on Developmental Disabilities as Coordinator of Research and Development of Projects. Her primary responsibilities are to provide planning, research and development, and analytical functions for the Council. Alicia has a BA in psychology and sociology from Vanderbilt University, a M.Ed. in Educational Psychology-Counseling from the University of Mississippi, and a Ph.D. from Virginia Commonwealth University in Urban Services Leadership, an interdisciplinary program that focused on disability policy and public administration.

Marie Ferran has been the Executive Director of Aging Services for the Upper Cumberland, Inc. for the past twenty-one years which provides services to a 14-county district. In addition to acting as Executive Director, Ms. Ferran is also the District Long Term Care Ombudsman and the Title III Elder Rights Supervisor, Ms. Ferran holds a Law Degree from Memphis State University and is a highly regarded Elder Law Attorney.

Richard Garman, Jr., MD is currently on staff with the Baptist Healthcare Group. He is Board Certified with the American Board of Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine and serves in private practice as Medical Director at the Lakeshore Wedgewood Nursing Home and WestMeade Nursing Home. He is a member of the Tennessee Medical Association, American Medical Association, and the American College of Physicians. Dr. Garman serves as faculty staff at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Clinical Instructor at the University of Tennessee School of Medicine.

Rick Greene is an Aging Program Specialist with the U.S. Administration on Aging, where he has the responsibility of overseeing the National Family Caregivers Support Program. Prior to assuming this position in December 2000, he was employed by the NJ Department of Health & Senior Services for almost 30 years where he developed, administered, and evaluated services to family caregivers and health promotion programs for older adults. He has co-authored several journal articles on caregiving and aging and had made presentations on many topics at national and regional conferences.

The Presenters

Debra Martin Luecking, Ed.D. is the Director of the Center on Disability and Employment of the University of Tennessee. Presently, she is focusing her work on the development of a model to blend resources to address complex employment needs of people. As a teacher, consultant, administrator, grants writer, and researcher, Dr. Lueckings' 28 year career has been dedicated to innovative demonstrations of promising practices that will lead to full participation of people with disabilities in their communities.

Jim McConnell is a consultant in the development of long-term care systems for older adults and other adults with disabilities. He is a national advocate for the development of community-based living to enable people to stay in their own homes and communities as long as possible. For 21 years, Mr. McConnell served as Director of Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services (ADS) in Portland, Oregon. In that position, he was instrumental in creating a community-based system of long-term care that has drawn national and international attention.

Deborah Russell is the Director for Economic Security at AARP, which seeks to be the primary resource on issues addressing the economic, income, and retirement security of individuals 50+. Ms. Burns has developed the Best Employers for Workers over 50, an awards program that identifies companies with exemplary policies and practices for the 50+ workforce, that is featured annually in magazine articles. Ms. Russell has expertise in aging workforce and employment issues and has appeared on national television programs and is frequently quoted in national and local newspapers.

Donald L. Samuels has served as Assistant Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs for the past 15 years. He is responsible for twelve Veteran's claims offices, and also serves as the Department's Public Relations Officer as well as the Department's Legislative Liaison. Mr. Samuels has served two terms as a board member on the Tennessee Veterans Home Board.

Herb Sanderson is the Director of the Division of Aging and Adult Services of the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Under his leadership the Division has been awarded over four million dollars in competitive grants to improve the state's long-term care system. The Division of Aging and Adult Services received the Council of State Governments 2003 Innovations Award for its Independent Choices program. Mr. Sanderson serves on numerous boards and committees and is a Fellow in the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health Balancing Long Term Care Program.

Cheryll Schramm recently retired as the Director of the Area Agency on Aging for the Atlanta Region where she served for 25 years. Prior to that, she held a position as a Director of a County Aging Program. At the state level, Cheryll is on the Executive Committee of the Georgia Council on Aging, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and is on the Board of Advisors for the Thanks Mom & Dad Fund. She was also a Georgia Delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging. Cheryll holds a M.S.W from Washington University in St. Louis, and a B.S. from the University of Nebraska.

Wanda Willis is currently the Executive Director for the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities. She is a leader in Council systems change initiatives in housing, employment, child care and other areas. Ms. Willis was successful in launching Tennessee Partners in Policymaking Leadership Institute, Tennessee's home-of-your-own initiative for individuals with developmental disabilities. She formerly served as Director of Planning for the State Division of Mental Retardation Services and as Administrator for Community Mental Retardation Services in Tennessee.

Billy Wooten is the Regional Director for Experience Works, Inc. He has been affiliated with Experience Works, formerly Green Thumb, for almost 25 years. He is a long-time member of the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals and has been twice elected as the southeast regional representative to their National Board, of which he currently serves as Vice-Chair. He is the only older worker practitioner to ever be elected as a national NAWDP officer. He is a Certified Workforce Development Professional, CWDP, with a special credential in management services. He is a featured presenter and speaker at more than 25 conferences and workforce events each year.